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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-37 and 41-43 are pending in the Application. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 7, 11, 14, 27, 41 and 43 are being amended to improve their form. No new matter is involved.

On September 15, 2005, Applicant filed a Response To Final Office Action in response to the Final Office Action of June 16, 2005. The Response To Final Office Action argued the patentability of Claims 1-37 and 41-43.

On October 20, 2005, an Advisory Action issued, which held that Applicant's Response To Final Office Action did not place the Application in condition for allowance. The Advisory Action includes a response to Applicant's arguments on pages 2, 3 and 4 thereof. At the bottom of page 2 of the Advisory Action, the response states that the Examiner agrees with Applicant, in that the desired configuration information, which is set by a user, and the type of information contained in the desired configuration information, is different than what Furuya teaches. However, this difference is not apparent in the current claim wording. The explanation of the "desired configuration information" is said to be not sufficient to clearly determine what kind of information is being claimed. This Amendment is being filed in order to address such specific arguments which are set forth in the Advisory Action.

In accordance with the invention, and as described in the second paragraph of page 41, the second paragraph of page 42, the last paragraph of page 46 and the last paragraph of page 50 of the Specification, the desired configuration information in accordance with the present invention is to be "set", "selected", "printed", or "designated (designation)". And, as stated in the last paragraph of page 1 of the

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Specification, the conventional tape printing apparatus can obtain information "related to physical properties of a tape cartridge mounted therein".

Thus, the desired configuration information in accordance with the present invention is "information which is other than information related to physical properties of the tape cartridge". As set forth in the claims, the "desired configuration information" should be construed not to be the information related to physical properties such as the specification of the tape for printing and of the ink ribbon inside the tape cartridge, as in the case of the Furuya reference.

Applicant is amending Claims 1, 7, 11, 14, 27, 41 and 43 to further define the desired configuration information as being other than information related to physical properties of the first tape cartridge, in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention over the prior art. In the case of claim 1, the "desired configuration information" is characterized as information "which is other than information related to physical properties of the first tape cartridge". The other independent claims are being amended in similar fashion.

In addition, Applicant wishes to point out that the dependent claims further characterize the desired configuration information in accordance with the invention in a manner which distinguishes over the art. In the case of Claim 2, for example, such claim depends from and further defines Claim 1 in terms of "said desired configuration information contains information of designation of at least one of a typeface, a decoration, and a color, for use in printing".

In conclusion, Claims 1-37 and 41-43 are submitted to clearly distinguish patentably over the prior art for the reasons set forth above. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los

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Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6846 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

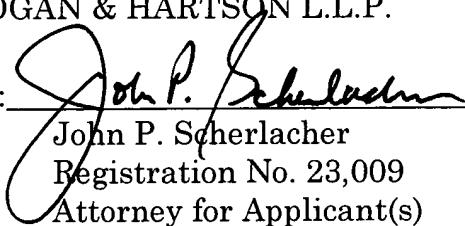
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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